prepared science and technology plan/programme as a part of their State Annual Plans and 7th Five Year Plan (1985-90). The Planning Commission has constituted a seprate Working Group on "Scientific Services and Research" to discuss State Science & Technology programmes/activities and recommend budgetary allocations.

Arms requirement of Andhra Pradesh

1936. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in thie "The Statesman" of the 8th October, 1985, under the heading "A.P. Seeks better arms to fight Naxalites" and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken to meet the requirements of Andhra Pradesh Government to meet the menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY : (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Request is under consideration.

Selection of Indian pilots for space voyages

1937. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Indian test pilots were selected for undertaking space voyages jointly with U.S. cosmonauts;

(b) if so, their names and the details of trainning being given to them; and

(c) when the voyage is expected to be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) No., Sir.

(b) Does not aries.

(c) The second Indian manned space flight mission concerns flight of an Indian Payload Specialist on board a United States National Aeronatutics & Space Administration (US-NASA) Space Transportation System (STS) flight carrying INSAT-IC. In view of the mission requirements, the selection of the Indian Payload Specialist for the STS/INSAT/IC flight has been limited to the scientific and technical personnel of the Department of Space (DOS) and its constituent units. The flight is presently scheduled in the last week of September, 1986.

Protests made by the West Bengal Government on the adoption of the Seventh Five-Year Plan

1938. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the statement of Finance Minister to West Bengal made recently that they had protested at the recent meeting of the National Development Council in the adoption of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any changes were made in the draft as suggested by the West Bengal Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 38th meeting of the National Development Council